

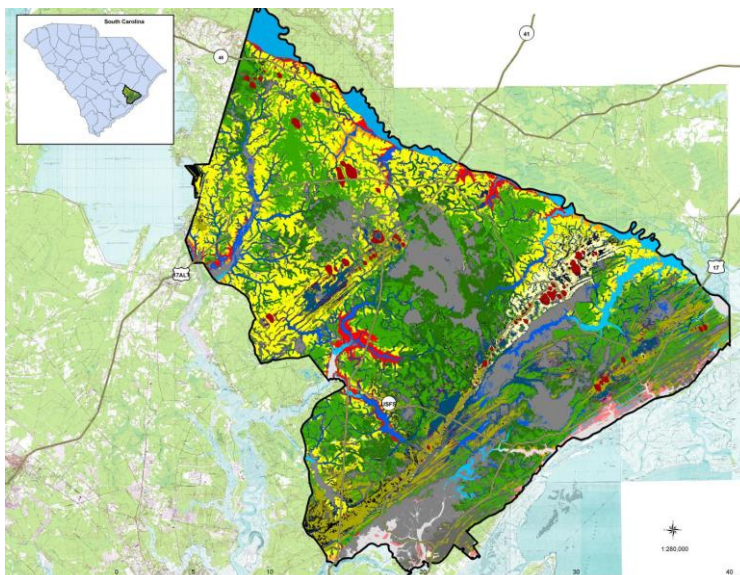
OUTREACH NOTICE
FRANCIS MARION NATIONAL FOREST
Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-11
FRANCIS MARION RANGER DISTRICT
September 2015
Anticipated Advertisement Date December 9, 2015



The Francis Marion Ranger District, located in the coastal plain of South Carolina, will soon be advertising to fill the District Wildlife Biologist position, with a duty station in Huger, South Carolina. This position is responsible for the wildlife program, which includes invasive species, watershed restoration, fisheries, wildlife and botanical program management on the Francis Marion National Forest. This position supervises at least two full-time Forest Service employees. The incumbent reviews and develops ecosystem management initiatives for technical soundness and adequacy in meeting forest plans. The incumbent also develops and conducts inventories and evaluations of habitat conditions and needs for neotropical migratory birds, herpetofauna, game, and federally listed species. The wildlife biologist ensures that habitat needs for the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and other species of conservation concern are integrated and accounted for with all other activities occurring on the Forest. The Francis Marion National Forest has 9 federally listed endangered or threatened species and approximately 69 species of conservation concern. The Forest maintains strong partnerships with numerous federal, state, and nonprofit organizations to accomplish wildlife and habitat objectives. The wildlife biologist plays a key role in maintaining and expanding these partnerships and is a member of the District and Forest interdisciplinary teams (IDT's). The Francis Marion National Forest supports an adaptive and collaborative management approach. Candidates are expected to be willing to work where needed.

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Consider the Francis Marion

Located in coastal counties of Charleston and Berkeley, the 260,000 +/- acre Francis Marion National Forest (FMNF) is one of the most biologically and ecologically diverse forested landscapes in the Southeast. The forest boundary is formed by the Santee River to the north, the Intracoastal Waterway to the south-southeast, and Lake Moultrie and Cooper River to the west. Within the FMNF boundary, federally owned tracts are distributed in a mosaic of private, county and municipal ownerships. However, federal lands are generally consolidated in the interior. The FMNF is subjected to significant urbanization issues, with numerous rapidly growing urban communities found within and adjacent to the proclamation boundary. As with most national forest land, living adjacent to the FMNF is highly desirable to the public and creates significant pressure on the Forest Service's ability to appropriately manage natural resources. Urban sprawl, coupled with stringent smoke management guidelines and liability laws presents serious challenges to maintaining natural ecosystem functions via prescribed burning on the forest. Additionally, hurricane Hugo severely impacted the FMNF in 1989, destroying vast numbers of overstory trees, and in some cases, decimating entire forested stands. Hurricane Hugo removed over 50,000 acres of the pine tree canopy on the Forest.

The FMNF is comprised of several different landforms, ranging from swamps, floodplains, stream terraces, side slopes, and xeric ridges. The Forest contains over 30 different natural communities ranging from dry longleaf pine/Turkey Oak woodland to clay-based Carolina bay wetlands. To date, over 1,600 species of plants have been documented on the forest, which include 32 species of orchids, 22 species of ferns, and 12 species of carnivorous plants. The Forest contributes to surface water of the Santee, Cooper, and Wando rivers, as well as a few small intertidal drainages. There are several groundwater aquifers under the forest and portions of the forest serve as aquifer recharge areas. There are approximately 280 miles of perennial streams and 150,000 acres of palustrine, riverine, lacustrine, and estuarine wetlands on the FMNF.

The National Forest is situated between two major metropolitan areas: Myrtle Beach (30 miles to the north) and historic Charleston (30 miles to the south). This part of coastal South Carolina is a popular

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tourist destination well known for its freshwater and saltwater recreation, golf/tennis, beautiful coastal scenery and historical landmarks dating back to colonial America. The climate is hot and humid in the summer and typically mild in the winter.

With a population of over 128,000 residents, Charleston is the largest nearby metropolitan area. However, the towns of Moncks Corner (22 miles), Goose Creek (36 miles), Mount Pleasant (23 miles), and McClellaville (20 miles) are nearby.

The Francis Marion has an extremely active prescribe burning program, and supports one of the largest populations of the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker in the United States.

Post-secondary education is available at the following locations:

- 1) College of Charleston
- 2) Trident Technical College in North Charleston
- 3) Horry Georgetown Tech in Georgetown
- 4) Citadel in Charleston.
- 5) Charleston Southern

Air transportation is available in Charleston Regional Airport. There is an Amtrak station in North Charleston.

South Carolina has an income tax and a sales tax that is 6%.

Housing prices are variable depending on location, but are significantly higher in Charleston County than Berkeley and Georgetown counties where most of the Francis Marion employees live. Prices for lakefront or oceanfront property/housing are considerably higher than for off-water property, due to high demand and limited availability in some areas. Rentals can be difficult to obtain in some areas and prices vary by location.

If you are interested in this position, please complete the attached Outreach Form and send to Rhea Whalen at rswhalen@fs.fed.us or mail to 2967 Steed Cr Rd Huger SC 29450.

Please send completed Outreach Form no later than December 9, 2015.

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(Please return this form by December 9, 2015)

Wildlife Biologist GS-0486-11

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Email ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

EMPLOYED WITH: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes ___ No ___ (If not, please provide a brief description of your qualifying experience/education).

If YES, current Agency and location: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ___ PERMANENT ___ TEMPORARY ___ OTHER

CURRENT SALARY OR SERIES/GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

_____ Veterans Readjustment

_____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

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_____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
_____ Other _____

Brief statement of how you think your experience/education meets the duties and basic qualifications of the outreach position.

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e-mail: rswhalen@fs.fed.us or by FAX (843) 336-2250

Thank you for your interest!

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